



Backgrounder

Houston's Best Workplaces for CommutersSM Campaign Coalition

Houston's Best Workplaces for CommutersSM Campaign Coalition is composed of Best Workplaces for Commuters champions, supporters and employers—leading government and business organizations in the Houston area working to reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality, cut global warming emissions, and make commuting less stressful and costly for employers and employees. Coalition members include the Greater Houston Partnership, the Greater Southwest Houston Chamber of Commerce, the Houston-Area Galveston Council, the Houston Minority Business Council, HR Houston, Metropolitan Transit Authority, the Environmental Protection Agency and Commute Solutions.

The Greater Houston Partnership

The Greater Houston Partnership is the primary advocate of Houston's business community and is dedicated to building economic prosperity in the region. It is a private, nonprofit organization, not a government agency or a charitable organization. Its membership is comprised of approximately 2,000 businesses of all sizes, employing one of every four Houston area workers. www.houston.org

The Greater Southwest Houston Chamber of Commerce

The Greater Southwest Houston Chamber of Commerce is an organization that has been "Connecting Commerce & Community" for more than 50 years. The Chamber embraces the diversity of the area and continually looks for ways to partner with all facets of the business community to achieve goals that will be mutually beneficial. www.gswbcc.org

Houston-Galveston Area Council

The Houston-Galveston Area Council is a voluntary association of local governments and local elected officials in the 13-county Gulf Coast Planning Region. The Gulf Coast Planning Region consists of Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller and Wharton counties. Organized in 1966, H-GAC provides a forum for the discussion of area-wide concerns, promoting regional cooperation through comprehensive planning and services to local governments. www.h-gac.com

Houston Minority Business Council

The mission of the Houston Minority Business Council (HMBC) is to actively involve its members in efforts that will increase and expand business opportunities and business growth for minority business enterprises (MBEs). www.hmbc.org

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HR Houston

HR Houston is a nonprofit professional organization dedicated to the advancement of human resource management. The association offers its members networking and professional development opportunities, including meetings with nationally recognized speakers, conferences and workshops throughout the year. www.hrhouston.org

Metropolitan Transit Authority

The Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas is an innovative regional transportation organization of dedicated employees committed to partnering with the public and private sectors to provide the safest, highest quality services and mobility solutions that exceed our customers' expectations while creating economic growth. www.ridemetro.org

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

The U.S. EPA in conjunction with Houston's Best Workplaces for CommutersSM Campaign Coalition challenges local companies to offer a comprehensive package of commuter benefits that adhere to the National Standard of Excellence, as designated by the EPA. This prestigious campaign provides qualifying companies with much deserved recognition for providing exceptional commuter services, including employer-provided transit passes, vanpool subsidies, carpool matching, bike lockers, compressed work schedules or onsite daycare.

www.bestworkplacesforcommuters.gov or www.bwc.gov

Commute Solutions

Commute Solutions, a service of the Houston-Galveston Area Council, is a one-stop transportation resource in the Houston-Galveston area for both commuters and businesses. We provide advice, answers and assistance on commuting options and employee transportation programs. Collectively, we have helped some of the biggest and most prestigious employers in the region get their employees to work.

www.commutesolutions-hou.com

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